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in view of the fact that the land tenure system in Malabar district is very, very, very peculiar and that there are so many layers of intermediaries between the owner and the tiller of the soil . . ."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" How many 'very'?"

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Three; may I know whether it is possible for a village karnam to prepare the land census according to the instructions given by the Government which are placed on the table of the House and which require under Form I three statements to be prepared, and each statement containing a number of columns under Form II, two statements to be prepared and under Form III a number of statements/A.B.C. D.E.—and with a number of sub-statements under each? In view of these facts, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to reconsider the matter and cancel the punishment of suspension awarded to 26 karnams who have not been able to finish the work within the time-limit fixed by the Government? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" That is exactly the reason why very very very long time was given in the case of Malabar." (Laughter.)

Ex-Servicemen Co-operative Motor Transport Society, Tiruchirappalli.

* 2162 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM (on behalf of Sri P. Rangaswami Reddiar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a complaint signed by some members of Tiruchirappalli Ex-servicemen Co-operative Motor Transport Society, Limited, No. S.-22, making allegations of misconduct against the Special Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies (Resettlement) was received by the Hon. Chief Minister in 1953; and

(*b*) whether any enquiry was made into the allegations; and if so, with what results?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. A petition was received by the Government in February 1954.

" (*b*) Yes, Sir. Appropriate action was taken."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" May I know the action taken by the Government against the Deputy Registrar apart from the action of promoting him as Joint Registrar? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Deputy Registrar concerned gave an explanation and it was not thought necessary to take any action as regards the allegations. But the Deputy Registrar has been told that the van of the society should not be used in the way he did during inspection."

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SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" What are the allegations that were reported against the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies? " 9-30 a.m.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" One is that he made use of the society's van whenever he visited Tiruchirappalli officially and no amount was paid by him towards hire charges; another is that he scandalized the ex-Service men."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir. is it a fact that for the misconduct of this officer, a reward was given to him in the form of promoting him from Deputy Registrar to Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The explanation of the officer was considered satisfactory, Sir."

Opening of a fire station at Tindivanam.

* 2163 *Q.*—SRI M. VENUGOPALA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether any steps have been taken so far to open a fire station at Tindivanam in South Arcot district?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Tindivanam is one of the municipal towns in which it is proposed to open a Fire Station in due course."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Sir, what would be the length of time meant by the term ' in due course '? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am unable to predict the probable time, Sir."

Formation of rural co-operative banks in the State.

* 2164 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state how many rural banks are proposed to be started under the aegis of the Government in Malabar district and in which taluks?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A Rural Co-operative Bank has been organized at Mannur in the Ernad taluk in the Malabar (South) Circle. It has yet to be registered. Proposals for the conversion of 21 Producers-*cum*-Consumers Societies into Rural Co-operative Banks are also being examined by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies."

* 2165 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Madras State Advisory Co-operative Council met on 29th December 1954 and worked out any scheme for the formation of rural co-operative banks; and

(*b*) the number of such banks to be formed in this State?